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PREFACE.

A CONSIDERABLE time has elapsed, since I formed the design of publishing an Index to the Minutes of the Methodist Conferences, printed in three volumes octavo. Persuaded that such a work would be found useful, to those who are in the habit of consulting these authentic records of Methodism, I announced my intention by an advertisement in 1815. As the detail of causes which have retarded the publication, could excite no particular interest in the public mind, it will form no part of this preface. The delay, if unaccompanied by any other advantage, has given me the opportunity of including in my arrangement, the Minutes of the Conference of 1816.

To those who properly appreciate these volumes, it is matter of sincere regret, that there is a chasm of sixteen years, viz. from 1749, to 1765 ; during which interval, it seems, the Minutes were not printed.

Aware, that the utility of this work must depend upon the manner of its execution, I have endeavoured, by no inconsiderable labour, to render it deserving the approbation of my greatly beloved Brethren in the Ministry ; and of all others who love the genuine doctrines and discipline of Methodism. How far I have succeeded in this well-meant attempt, becomes not me to determine.

To accommodate the diversified views of different readers, the same Minute is sometimes referred to by two, or more, of the most important words, that could be selected for the purpose of reference. As in many instances, I have given so much of the minute, as to supersede the necessity of

any reference; I trust this compilation will, partially at least, answer the end of a Common-place Book.

With the view of rendering the work more complete, I have added an Appendix, containing a copious table of references to the Minutes of the three Conferences, which have been held since the publication of the three volumes, in 1813. In this part of the work, I have distinguished the different articles by citing the years, in which the Conferences were held.

The reader will observe, that some of the Minutes here referred to, are now repealed; either virtually or formally. The reference to these obsolete rules, is justified by their late re-publication. It became a question, indeed, whether it might not be advisable, to distinguish them, by affixing the word, *repealed*. I was, however, determined against the adoption of this measure, first, because the same Minute is sometimes referred to several times, by its different members, and therefore the affixed word, would have occurred so often, as to offend the eye. And, secondly, I found it difficult to determine, in some cases, which were repealed, and which still had the force of law. In cases admitting of so much doubt, and involving in their decisions, results of great interest, I felt unwilling to decide.

Should the work furnish to the reader, a facility of turning to any subject he may wish to find, my labour will not have been in vain.

SAMUEL TAYLOR.

London, May 27, 1817.

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